



## THE PHYSICIAN'S *Bookshelf*

**SANDOZ ATLAS OF HAEMATOLOGY**—Edited by Dr. E. Undritz of Sandoz Research Laboratories. Sandoz Blood Atlas, 68 Charlton St., N. Y. 14, 1954 (English edition). (Translated from German, 1952 edition.) 91 pages, plus 44 plates containing 579 color slides, \$7.00.

The main contribution of this atlas is a series of color photographs illustrating various blood and marrow cells. As such, it provides the best morphological reference work available. The pictures are excellent, and in contrast to most similar texts, show the cells as they are seen through the microscope rather than giving an idealized artistic representation. The pictures are primarily illustrations of individual cellular morphology, and no attempt is made to provide a systematic coverage of blood and bone marrow pathology.

The accompanying text reflects the European preoccupation with details of morphology. Although it contains much useful information including some valuable staining techniques, it cannot serve as a substitute for the standard textbooks of hematology.

This work is highly recommended to medical students and to all who have occasion to examine blood and bone marrow smears. The brilliant stains achieved in the original preparations which were photographed should serve as a standard to laboratories. Far too many errors in morphological interpretation result from unsatisfactory preparations.

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**THREE "INCARNATIONS."** Florence Sylvester Winchell, M.D., The Christopher Publishing House, Boston 20, Mass., 1954. 268 pages, illustrated. \$3.50.

Out of a "sentimental intensity of love" for her father and the indelible impressions his personality made on her life and activities, Dr. Florence Sylvester Winchell presents this most interesting "Three Incarnations," part of the story of her life.

She was the only child of a remarkable Maine-born dentist whose practice in Berlin included the nineteenth century nobility of Germany. An ardent yachtsman, devotee of the arts, a social figure, a wise and conscientious advisor, Dr. Sylvester provided for his daughter the foundations for a rich life.

Her first incarnation she describes as that part of her life in German boarding schools, as hostess on the yacht and in the various of the Sylvester homes; the meetings with Kaiser Wilhelm, great authors, dancers and sculptors; her visit to relatives in the United States and her decision to study medicine in California. Shattered by the news of her father's suicide in Germany, the philosophy of serenity and acceptance which he had instilled in her carried her safely through her first incarnation.

In describing her second incarnation, the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, the earthquake and fire, her internship at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Syracuse, New York, her practice of medicine in Oakland, California, her work in the public schools of Oak-

land, her years with the Baby Hospital, prenatal clinics, and the incidents of her practice of medicine make a warm, vital, vivid human story.

Her third incarnation brought her to the winter solstice but not alone after her long years. The social whirl of Berlin and her love of her father lie in the dimming past; her experiences, and the sacrifices and joys of medical practice are a memory. Of the love story of her later years she says "life has nothing to offer which might excel it!"

This is a great success story which will appeal to readers who enjoy striking tales about people, events and healthy philosophies.

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**A SYNOPSIS OF CHILDREN'S DISEASES.** John Rendle-Short, M.A., M.B. (Cantab.), M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Senior Registrar, Department of Child Health, Welsh National School of Medicine. John Wright & Sons, Ltd., Bristol. Distributed through Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore, 1954. 608 pages, \$7.00.

This Synopsis of Children's Diseases is a most complete and up-to-date presentation of practical pediatrics. While totaling 608 pages, its size is such that it may be readily carried in the pocket or in the medical kit of the practicing physician. It should be of great value to general practitioners, house officers, and junior and senior medical students during their training program in the out-patient and in-patient pediatric services. A most detailed index of 41 pages provides prompt and easy reference to context.

It perhaps would have been better for the authors not to have used Fried's, Clark's or Young's rule for calculation of dosages, but to have established dosages for various drugs on the basis of surface area of the body, a reference which appears to be far more satisfactory than these empiric rules.

While in no sense does this book replace standard up-to-date texts and the necessity for the thorough reading of current pediatric subjects, it will no doubt be of great practical value to those who care for infants and children.

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**FLUID THERAPY.** James D. Hardy, M.S. (Chem.), M.D., F.A.C.S., Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of the Surgical Laboratories, Medical College of the University of Tennessee. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, 1954. 255 pages, \$5.50.

The title of this volume by no means does justice to its content, which encompasses far more than "fluid therapy."

In this book, which is written particularly from the point of view of the surgical patient who has fluid, electrolyte and nutritional disorders, the practicing physician and student alike will find answers to many problems with which he is confronted in this increasingly complex field, so important to modern medicine. Much information that is scattered through the literature is here available, as follows: Chapter 1, physiology of body fluid regulation; Chapter 2, methodology used in study of the subject in question; Chapters 3 to 6 deal with the approach to the management of clinical